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On 7 June, as a West German steamer was nearing the Travemuende approach buoy on a level with Schwansee at 2:00 A.M., it received morse signals from a powerful searchlight. The signals were sent in bad German and requested the name, port of origin, cargo and destination of the ship. This signal station has frequently attracted attention lately. On 23 June, a Swedish motor schooner received morse signal 2230 hours in bad German from a signal station which was located further east than the one described above. These signals may have come from a coastal patrol craft. The Russians have set up signal stations on watch towers at equal intervals on the coast along the Bay of Luebeck in the Kluetz area.

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2. The captain of a Swedish ship, which sailed into Stolpmuende on 11 June, reported that his ship was subjected to a strict examination. No one was permitted ashore or allowed to visit another Swedish ship which was in the harbor at the time. The harbor appeared to be neglected.
3. A Finnish steamer visited Reval, Riga, and Libau during June. Russian patrol craft escorted the ship from the twelve mile limit into each port. The pilot who came on board was, in each case, accompanied by Soviet soldiers.
4. Since all Soviet Zone ships carry the black-red-gold German flag, West Zonal ships may only sail in the Eastern Baltic under the international "Q" flag.
5. Three large Russian naval units of the same type were observed on 20 June carrying out training exercises off the Mecklenburg coast between Darsser Ort and Warnemuende. They appeared to be either destroyers or large torpedo boats with a high bridge superstructure and a wide funnel.
6. Two Russian patrol boats of the same type were observed on 3 July off Warnemuende. They appeared to be large drifters of the KARL LIEBKNECHT type and were painted dark grey.

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